

Minutes

WestConnex M4-M5 Link Tunnels AQCCC Meeting #9

Date	22/11/2022		
Time	6.30pm – 7.05pm		
Venue	Videoconference		
Chair	Abigail Goldberg	Chair and Director	GoldbergBlaise
Invitees	Peter Bridge Karyn Hemming Alistair Wardrope	Community representative Community representative Community representative	Haberfield St Peters St Peters
	Terry Chapman Matthew Callander Karina Wilson Verity Turner Peter Redwin Kris Hinks	Project Director Fire Life Safety and Integration Community Engagement Advisor Environment and Planning Manager Head of Operations Operational Environmental Management Plan Specialist	WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex
	Dr Ian Longley	Independent Air Quality Specialist	NIWA NZ
	Courtney Moran	Senior Environment Officer	Transport for NSW
	Martin Howe Ashkun Jalili	Environment and Sustainability Manager Engineering Manager	ASBJV (Contractor) ASBJV (Contractor)
	Kendall Banfield	Senior Transport Planner	Inner West Council
	Julian Thompson	Manager, Regulatory Operations	EPA
	Rob Sherry	Team Leader Compliance	DPE
	Brian Smyth King Steve O'Brien Manod Wickramasinghe	Community representative Community representative Traffic and Transport Planning Manager	Haberfield Haberfield Inner West Council

Agenda Items		Responsibility
1.0	<p>Welcome and actions from previous meeting</p> <p>The Chair welcomed participants and made an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were recorded, and it was noted that no new conflicts of interest were apparent.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the following action from the previous meeting had been carried forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscaping and local area maintenance Community representatives noted the overall improvement in landscaping and local area maintenance. <p>The project team's attention was drawn ahead of the meeting to a narrow strip of land at the rear of the Parramatta Road Ventilation facility which has not been maintained. Verity Turner and Karina Wilson advised that the strip has been identified as belonging to Council, and that the matter has been escalated to TfNSW for discussion with Council. Kendall Banfield proposed that he would in addition take the matter up within Council for action. Notwithstanding</p>	<p>Inner West Council to action maintenance of the strip of land at the rear of the Parramatta Road Ventilation facility.</p>

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<p>this, the project team has agreed to maintain the strip in the coming weeks.</p>	
<p>2.0 Community items</p> <p>Noted that an article had been transmitted to community representatives by Brian Smyth King inter-session, viz: 'Silent killer of our brain': Dementia experts warn about road pollution https://www.smh.com.au/national/silent-killer-of-our-brain-dementia-experts-warn-about-road-pollution-20220908-p5bgbv.html?btis</p> <p>Matthew Callander advised that he had reviewed the article and by way of reply presented an analysis of data from the project's monitoring stations alongside the EPA's background monitoring stations mentioned in the article. The analysis indicated that all monitoring stations (which use identical equipment) demonstrate a recording of similar trends, with comparable peaks and troughs in NO₂, PM2.5 and PM10 measurements.</p> <p>The overall finding of this analysis is that the location of the project monitoring stations is appropriate, and that the data being recorded is providing the information needed for measuring and monitoring air quality going forward.</p> <p>Discussion referenced demolition works that have been underway in the vicinity of Wattle Street, and community representatives queried the impact of dust resulting from the demolition. The project team advised that the monitoring stations may detect some of this dust with raised PM10 measurements. However, noting recent windy weather, dust was coming from many sources across the city and therefore it would be difficult to isolate the impact of individual sites.</p> <p>It was also queried whether the data as analysed indicated levels of dust particles below or in the vicinity of acceptable maximum levels. Matthew advised that all data was well below acceptable maximum levels. The national pollution limits/levels have been added to the slides.</p> <p>Community representatives thanked Matthew for having undertaken this review and noted that it would be helpful if it could be posted online. The project team advised that the presentation material would be made publicly available along with the Minutes for the meeting, as is standard practice for the AQCCC.</p>	
<p>3.0 Community update including overview of air quality complaints received</p> <p>Karina Wilson provided information regarding a community open day that will be held on Sunday 18 December 2022, as well community pop-up information stalls that are being held in various locations.</p> <p>Karina advised of two complaints related to air quality (dust) since the previous meeting, both of which have been investigated and resolved, with only one complaint found to be related to the project.</p>	

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4.0	<p>Project update</p> <p>By way of update, Terry Chapman advised that the project was now in commissioning mode, with current work within the tunnels focusing on cleaning, testing of safety systems and testing of emergency procedures.</p>	
5.0	<p>Administrative items</p> <p>Verity noted that as the project was now in commissioning mode with the tunnel opening anticipated for the first quarter of 2023, administrative matters put to the AQCCC would shift from the review and endorsement of plans related to operations to monitoring of actual operational air quality as data becomes available.</p> <p>The first meeting of 2023 will be held on 21 or 28 February. Community representatives are asked to indicate their preference in this regard. Noted that Brian Smyth King had proposed that a workshop be held at this meeting to consider other ways of communicating and disseminating information regarding air quality (e.g. use of infographics).</p> <p>The project team are in support of this suggestion, and will also provide an update on the project opening at this time, as well as guidance on locating air quality data on the project website.</p>	<p>Community members to advise the Chair of any preferences re the proposed meeting dates of 21 or 28 February 2023.</p> <p>Project team to arrange a workshop for this meeting re ways of communicating and disseminating information on air quality. An update on project opening also to be provided as well as guidance on locating air quality data on the project website.</p>
6.0	<p>Questions / Other business</p> <p>No further questions were raised and no other business put forward for discussion.</p>	
7.0	<p>Thanks and close</p> <p>The Chair thanked participants for their inputs this year, and noted that a milestone has been achieved with the shift to commissioning of the project in preparation for opening of the tunnels. The business of the AQCCC will transition in response to this progress.</p> <p>As above, next meeting will be 21 or 28 February 2023.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 7:05pm.</p>	

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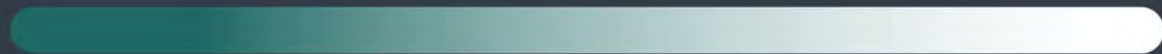
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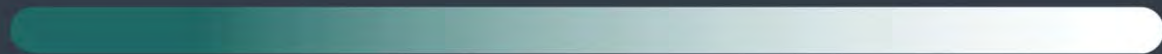
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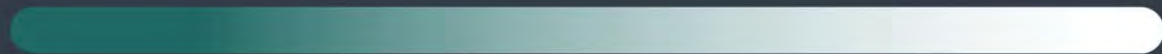
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- Actions from previous meeting
- Community items:
 - Feedback on SMH article
- Community update:
 - Project opening – community day
 - Air quality complaints
- Project update
- Administrative items:
 - Forthcoming matters for the AQCCC
 - Meeting dates 2023
- Questions

Actions from previous meeting



Community items – feedback on SMH article: Matthew Callander



SMH article – feedback

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<https://www.smh.com.au/national/silent-killer-of-our-brain-dementia-experts-warn-about-road-pollution-20220908-p5bgbv.html?btis>

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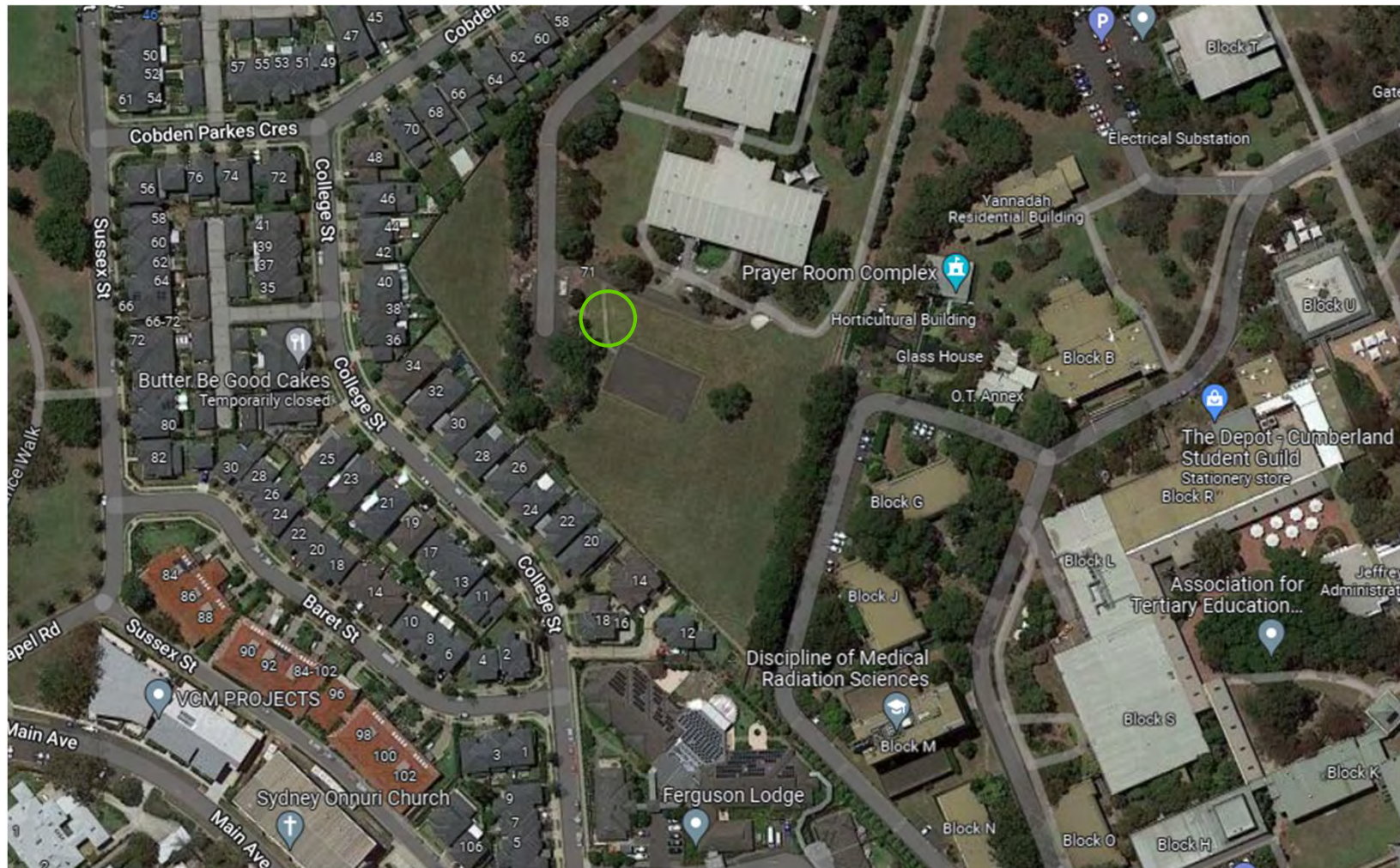


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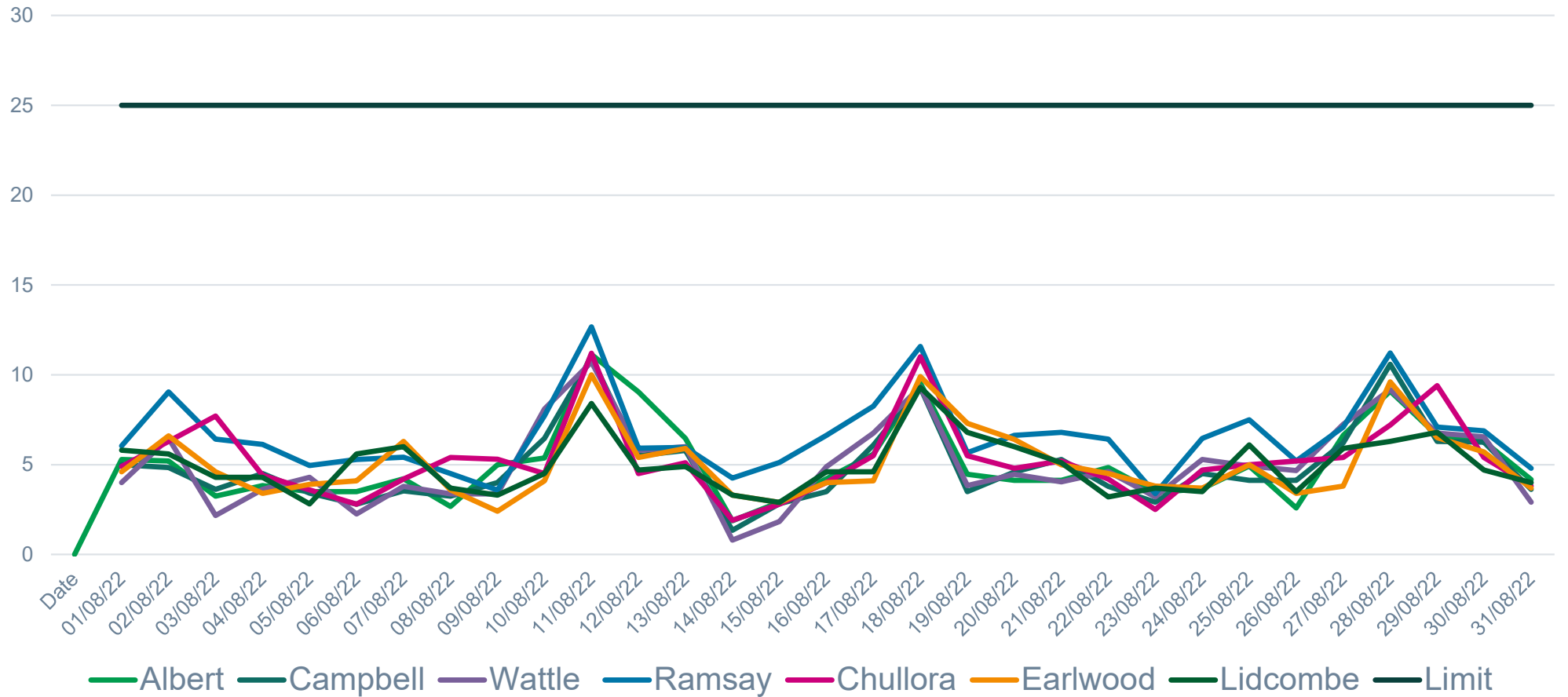
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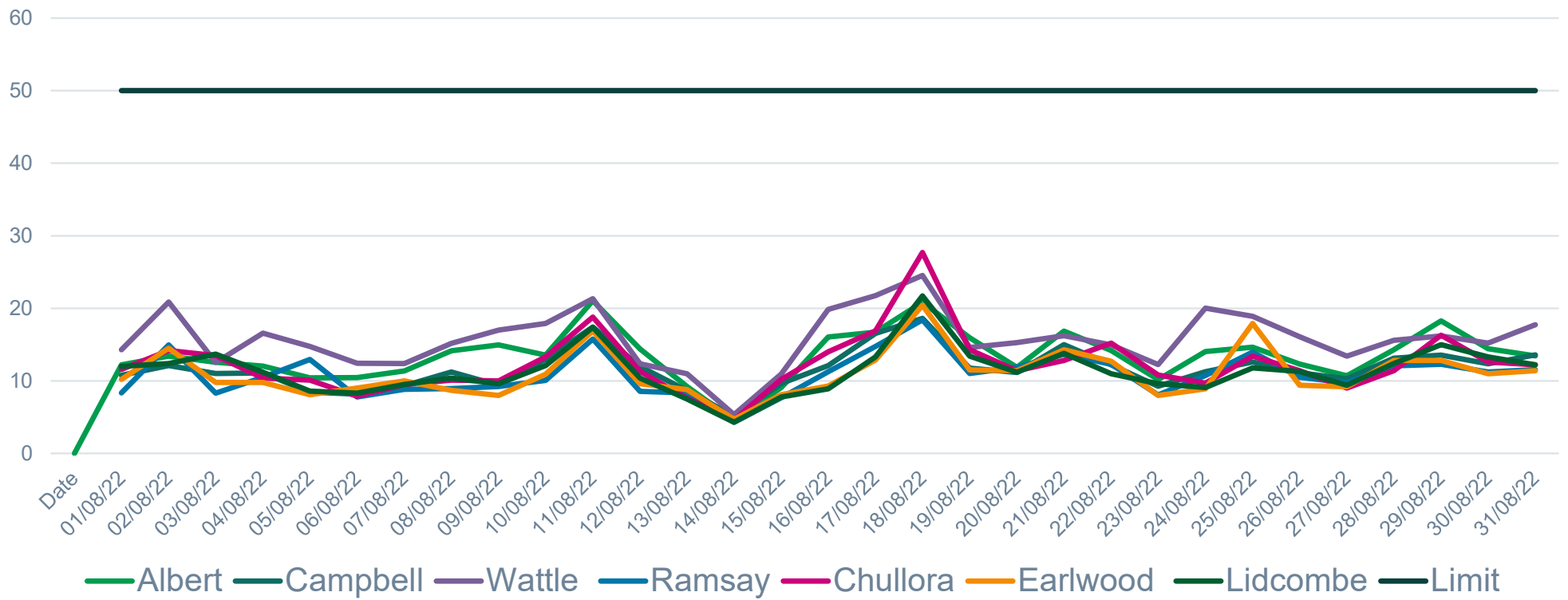
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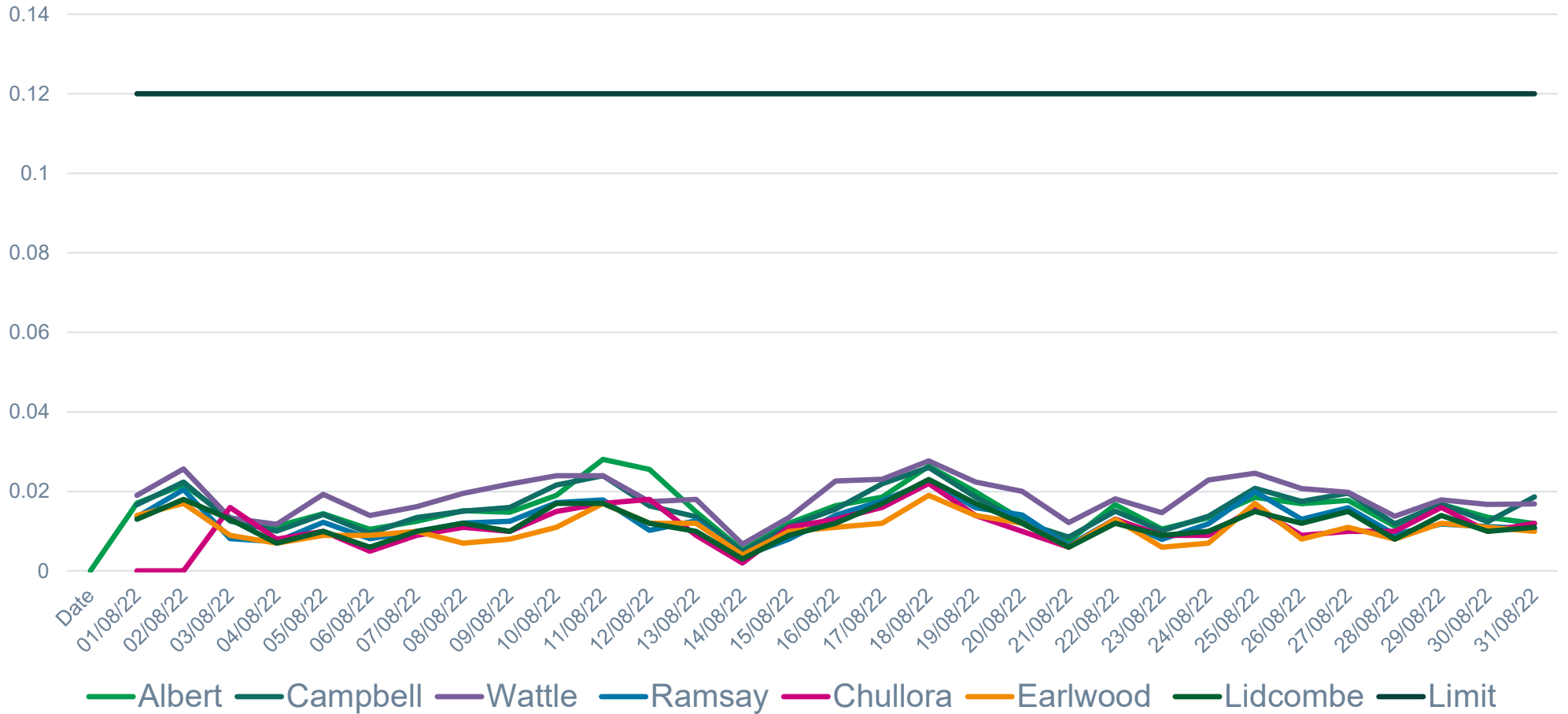
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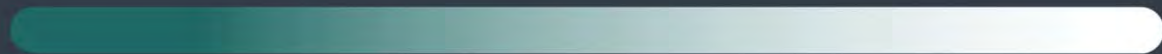
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Community update: Karina Wilson





Artwork titled 'Connected Journeys' by proud Kamilaroi woman Rhonda Sampson

 **COMMUNITY DAY**
You're invited to take a sneak peek behind the scenes and tour the new WestConnex tunnels extending the M4 and M8 before they officially open early next year.

WHEN: Sunday 18 December
10:30am-3:30pm

WHERE: 15 Campbell Road, St Peters

 Book your free tickets at [WestConnex.com.au](https://www.WestConnex.com.au). Spaces are strictly limited. Book yours now so you don't miss out.

 Please walk, cycle or use public transport to get to the event as there is no street parking available.

For the safety and enjoyment of everyone on the day, this is an alcohol-free event

Bring your family and friends and enjoy FREE food, coffee, gelato, kids' entertainment, and exclusive tunnel tours

Complaints – air quality

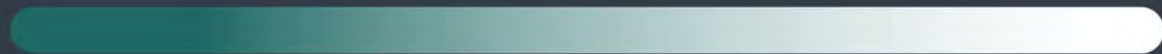
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Two complaints related to air quality (dust) since our last AQCCC meeting:

- One from a community member on Bland Street, Haberfield
- One from a community member on Burrows Road, St Peters

Project update: Terry Chapman



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Line marking completed at the St Peters Interchange on and off ramps



A successful hot smoke test (per CoA E143) was undertaken on 3 November

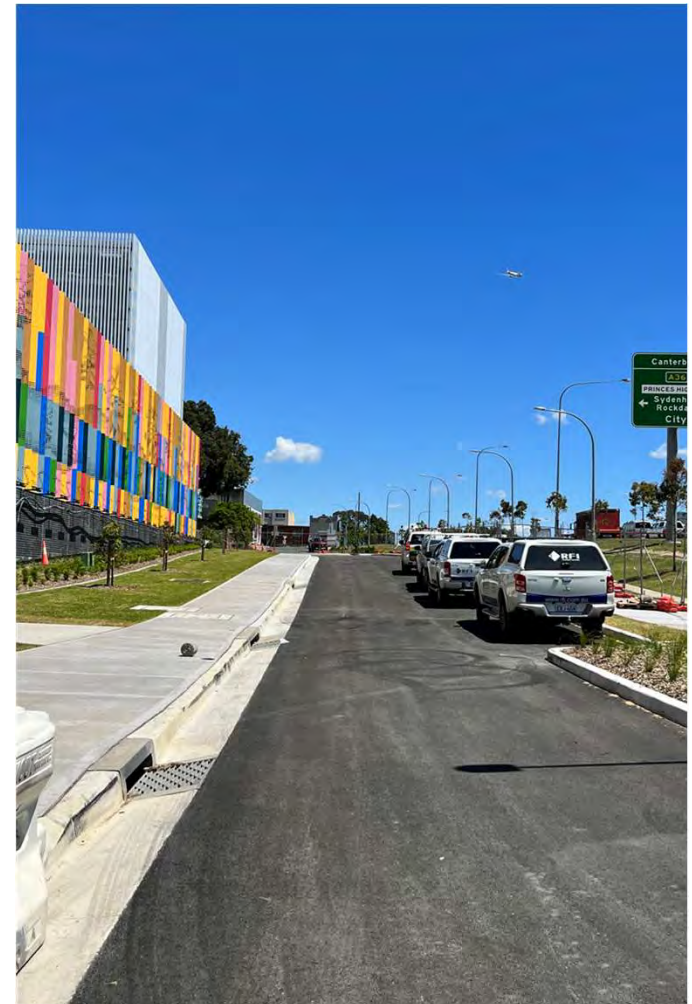
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- Decline backfill on going. Removal of first steel struts to commence this week
- Sediment basin turving 60% complete
- Permanent fencing being installed

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Northcote site update:

- Acoustic shed demolition has commenced
- Electrical workshop has been removed



PBR acoustic shed demo – 7 November



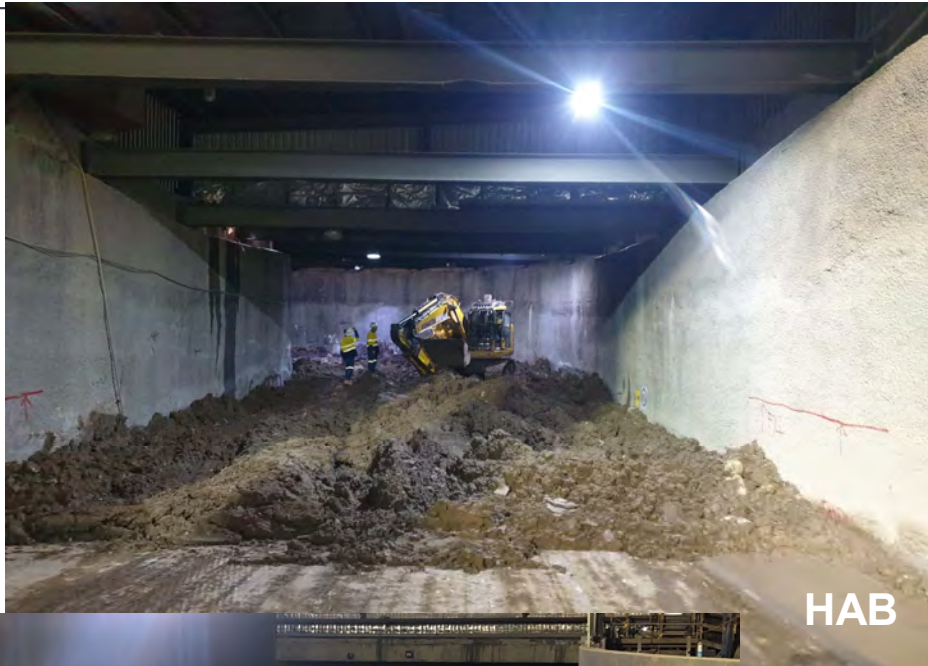
PBR acoustic shed demo – 11 November

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Decline backfill

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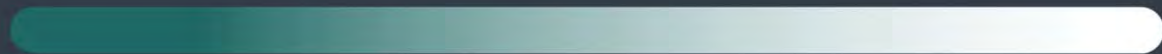


Tunnel with film removed

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Administrative items: Verity Turner



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- Forthcoming matters for the AQCCC
- Meeting dates 2023

Questions

